

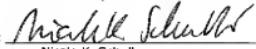
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Enclosed are amendments to the claims, and remarks, each starting on a separate page.